

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Kazuhiro IIDA et al. : **Mail Stop: PCT**  
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AUDIO SIGNAL ENCODING DEVICE,  
AUDIO SIGNAL DECODING DEVICE,  
AND METHOD AND PROGRAM THEREOF  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**Prior to initial examination of the above-identified application, kindly amend the application as follows:**

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE TITLE**

**Kindly replace the title used in the international application with the following:**

AUDIO SIGNAL ENCODING DEVICE, AUDIO SIGNAL DECODING DEVICE,  
AND METHOD AND PROGRAM THEREOF